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REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Non-elected claims 24-42 have been canceled. Claims 5-9, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 1-23 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

II. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicant provisionally elects Invention I (claims 1-23) without traverse for prosecution on the merits.

III. ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicant provisionally elects Species I-b (Figures 9-10) without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that of claims 1-23, at a minimum, claims 1, 2, 5-16 and 18-23 (as amended above) are directed to the elected species, and that claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-14 and 18-23 are generic to the each of the species identified in the Office Action.

IV. CLOSING REMARKS

Early and favorable consideration of the elected invention are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

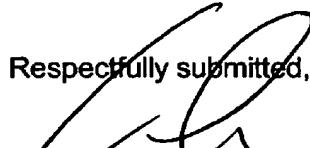
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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